

SECRET

RI

31 AUG 1956

TO : The Assistant Secretary for Defense  
Attention: Mr. Charles Weaver  
Office of Research and Analysis

FROM : Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: Dr. Ernst BRÜCKNER

1. In pursuance to discussions with regard to Dr. BRÜCKNER the following information is provided on the basis that it may be of some assistance to you in connection with your contemplated trip to Germany.

2. Dr. Ernst BRÜCKNER

Dr. BRÜCKNER is 46 years old, a citizen of West Germany, and presently Chief of the Security Investigation Office of the Federal Criminal Police. Prior to World War II he was States Attorney in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. During World War II he was a 1st Lieutenant in anti-aircraft. After capture by U. S. forces at Remagen, he served as prisoner-interpreter in Cherbourg and Le Havre. After being returned as a POW for discharge at Luxembourg, he was arrested and interned; but later he was released in the absence of derogatory evidence. In 1946 he resumed his career as States Attorney in Schleswig-Holstein. From 1947 until 1952 he was in charge of political offense cases. From 1952 until August 1953 (when he assumed his present position with the Federal Criminal Police) he was in charge of economic offense cases of special significance. He is married and has a sixteen year old son who will attend high school in the United States this fall.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCES/METHOD/EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2006

4 Copy  
SECRET

**SECRET**

**ATTACHMENT: Dr. Ernst REINHOLD**

**3. Security Investigation Office (Sicherheitsuntersuchungsstelle)**

This office of the Federal Criminal Police (Bundeskriminalpolizei) was created in August 1951, initially as a guard force for senior Federal officials and key installations. However, the change of any Federal police group assigned to tasks, arrests, searches, and seizures in cases of treason and high treason, had the Ministry of Interior to give this task to the Security Investigation Office. It is made up of well trained criminal police and is composed as follows:

- a. Central Section: runs the internal business of the office including its personnel matters, files, houses, telephone, laboratory, business matters, motor pool and radio stations.
- b. Protection and Security Section: performs the usual bodyguards, building guard and escort work which activities are varied abroad. Bunker guards are assigned to the Federal President and Federal Chancellor.
- c. Investigation Section: handles cases of treason and high treason and investigations of high government personnel. Treason cases involve authorities on behalf of the MfS (East German Ministry of State Security), the KGB (Soviet Intelligence Service), and the Satellite Intelligence Services. High treason cases relate to the Communist Party, Communist front organizations, rightist groups, saboteurs, and subversive publications.
- d. According to the information presently available to this Agency (Sicherheitsstelle) is its relations with the North German government as per (Document from "Verteidigungsministerium"). This, however, does not preclude contact with the Security Investigation Office.

CSCII 7063

29 August 1956

EN/6/CR, [ ] :ne

Distribution:   
Ortg. and 1. Addressee  
1. CT/Star  
1. RGA/RC  
2. Registry  
2. EN/6/CR

**SECRET**